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AARC:	American Association for Respiratory Care
AIDS:	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
AHA:	American Hospital Association
Am Rev Respir Dis:	**American Review of Respiratory Disease**
ARDS:	adult respiratory distress syndrome
ARF:	acute respiratory failure
BS:	bachelor of science
CINAHL:	**Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature**
COPD:	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPAP:	continuous positive airway pressure
CPR:	cardiopulmonary resuscitation
$D_{LCO_{2-sb}}$:	diffusing capacity of lung for carbon monoxide—single breath
ECMO:	extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
EPAP:	expiratory positive airway pressure
F_{IO_2}:	fraction of inspired oxygen
FRC:	functional residual capacity
HFV:	high frequency ventilation
HMD:	hyaline membrane disease
MV:	mechanical ventilation
NBRC:	National Board for Respiratory Care
NFPA:	National Fire Protection Association
O_2:	oxygen
P_{aO_2}:	arterial partial pressure of oxygen
PEEP:	positive end-expiratory pressure
PFT:	pulmonary function test(s) or testing
PIE:	pulmonary interstitial emphysema
PSV:	pressure support ventilation
RDS:	respiratory distress syndrome (of infants)
RIP:	respiratory inductive plethysmography
RQ:	respiratory quotient
S_{aO_2}:	arterial oxygen saturation
SI:	Systeme International d'Unités (International System of Units)
TYRS:	"Test Your Radiologic Skill" feature
U.S.:	United States
USA:	United States of America
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